



**September 16, 2016**

National Freedom of Information Officer  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T)  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request for Records: Communications related to  
PFOA/PFOS Health Advisory

Dear Freedom of Information Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), as amended, 5 U.S.C. §§ 552 et seq., and implementing regulations promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), 40 C.F.R. Part 2, the FluoroCouncil requests copies of the following records, as defined under 5 U.S.C. § 552(f)(2):

- All documents addressing the Drinking Water Health Advisory for Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and the Drinking Water Health Advisory for Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) issued in May 2016.
- All documents addressing EPA’s recommendation “that when both PFOA and PFOS are found in drinking water the combined concentrations of PFOA and PFOS be compared with the 0.07 part per billion HA [Health Advisory] level.” 81 Fed. Reg. 33250 (May 25, 2016), at 33251.

This request includes all documents in EPA’s possession related to the preparation, review, discussion, vetting or explanation of these documents, including any documents received by EPA from parties outside the Agency. This request includes all documents whether in hard copy or electronic form, but EPA need not provide copies of documents posted on EPA’s Website as of the date of this letter.

We believe that the documents relevant to this request may be found in, but are not limited to, the Office of Water, the Office of Research and Development, and the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention in EPA Headquarters. We further believe that documents relevant to this request may be found, but are not limited to, each of EPA’s Regional

Offices and EPA laboratories, including the laboratory at Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

We confirm in advance our willingness to pay reasonable costs associated with searching for, reviewing, and copying these records. Before undertaking any search activities that are expected to exceed \$5,000 in costs, please notify us to allow for discussion of the scope of the planned search. We look forward to a response to this request within 20 working days of your receipt of this letter. We further expect that the processing of this request will occur in accord with the recently enacted FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, including the new provisions regarding time limits for response and related fee issues. We ask that any documents responsive to this request be provided in electronic form to the extent possible, as matter of efficiency for us and for EPA. To facilitate a timely response, please forward to us interim responses as subsets of responsive records become available.

Should EPA decide to withhold any documents, we request that EPA reasonably identify each such document and the rationale for it being withheld. In addition, if EPA decides to withhold a portion of a document, we request that any portion of the document withheld be limited to the extent possible and that a redacted version of the whole document be provided.

In regard to further communications on this FOIA request, you may contact me at (202) 249-6137 or [Michele.Schoeppe@americanchemistry.com](mailto:Michele.Schoeppe@americanchemistry.com). Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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